

Williams House
SM-698
West side Three Notch Road (MD 235) north of Hewitt Road
Lexington Park vicinity
Circa 1940
Private

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-698

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Williams House

2. Location

street & number W. Side of Three Notch Road (MD 235) N. of Hewitt Road ___ not for publication

city, town Lexington Park X vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thelma Williams

street & number PO Box 662 telephone

city, town Lexington Park state and zip code MD 20653

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 43/204

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio MRB231/137

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<u>X</u> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence (currently vacant) on the west side of Three Notch Road (MD 235) north of Hewitt Road is located approximately 75 feet west of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a modern shed is situated northwest of the dwelling.

The 1.5-story ell-shaped frame building clad in asbestos shingles is supported by a concrete block foundation with iron grate vents. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney that rises through the west slope of the roof. A one-story gable-roof ell extends from the northwest corner of the main block. Windows throughout the house consist primarily of six-over-six double-hung wood sash.

The east, or main, elevation has a central entry with cross-gable roof entry porch supported by turned wood posts and a concrete deck and steps. The entry is flanked on either side by a single six-over-six double-hung sash window. The north elevation contains a six-over-six window and a two-over-two window in the first story of the main block and a six-over-six window in the gable. A six-over-six window is located in the north elevation of the ell. The west elevation includes a door in the main block and a six-over-six in the ell. The south elevation of the main block contains a six-over-six window and a two-over-two window in the first story and a six-over-six window in the ell.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> industry
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
		<input type="checkbox"/> law
		<input type="checkbox"/> literature
		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history
		<input type="checkbox"/> military
		<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
		<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
		<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion
		<input type="checkbox"/> science
		<input type="checkbox"/> social history
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates Circa 1940 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Despite minor alterations, the dwelling appears to retain integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date 9/20/98
Reviewer, NR program	Date 11/4/98

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.95 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.95 acres

Quadrangle name Lexington Park, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 204, Map 43, Grid 02

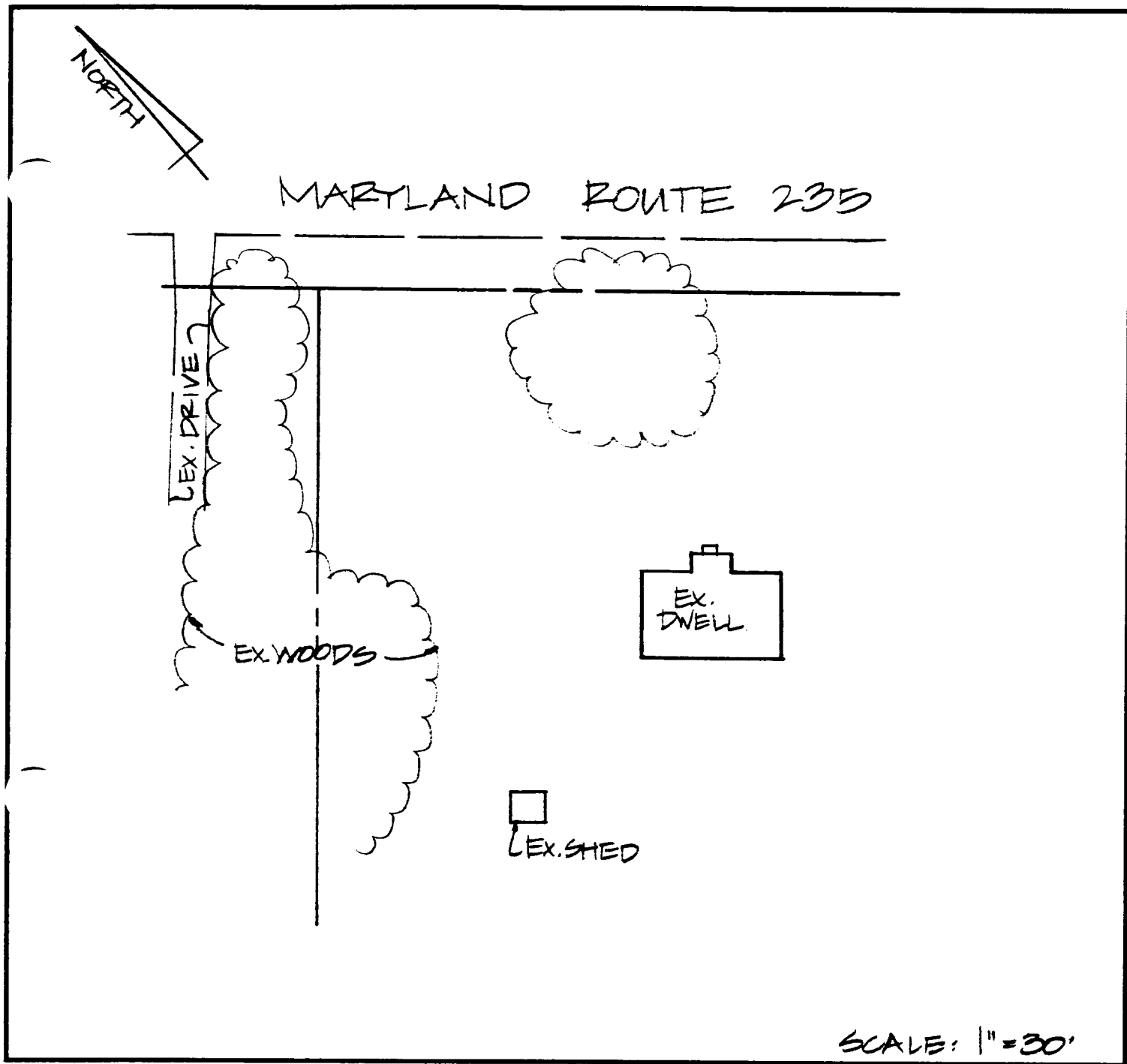
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Williams House, W. Side Three Notch Road
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
Resource Sketch Map

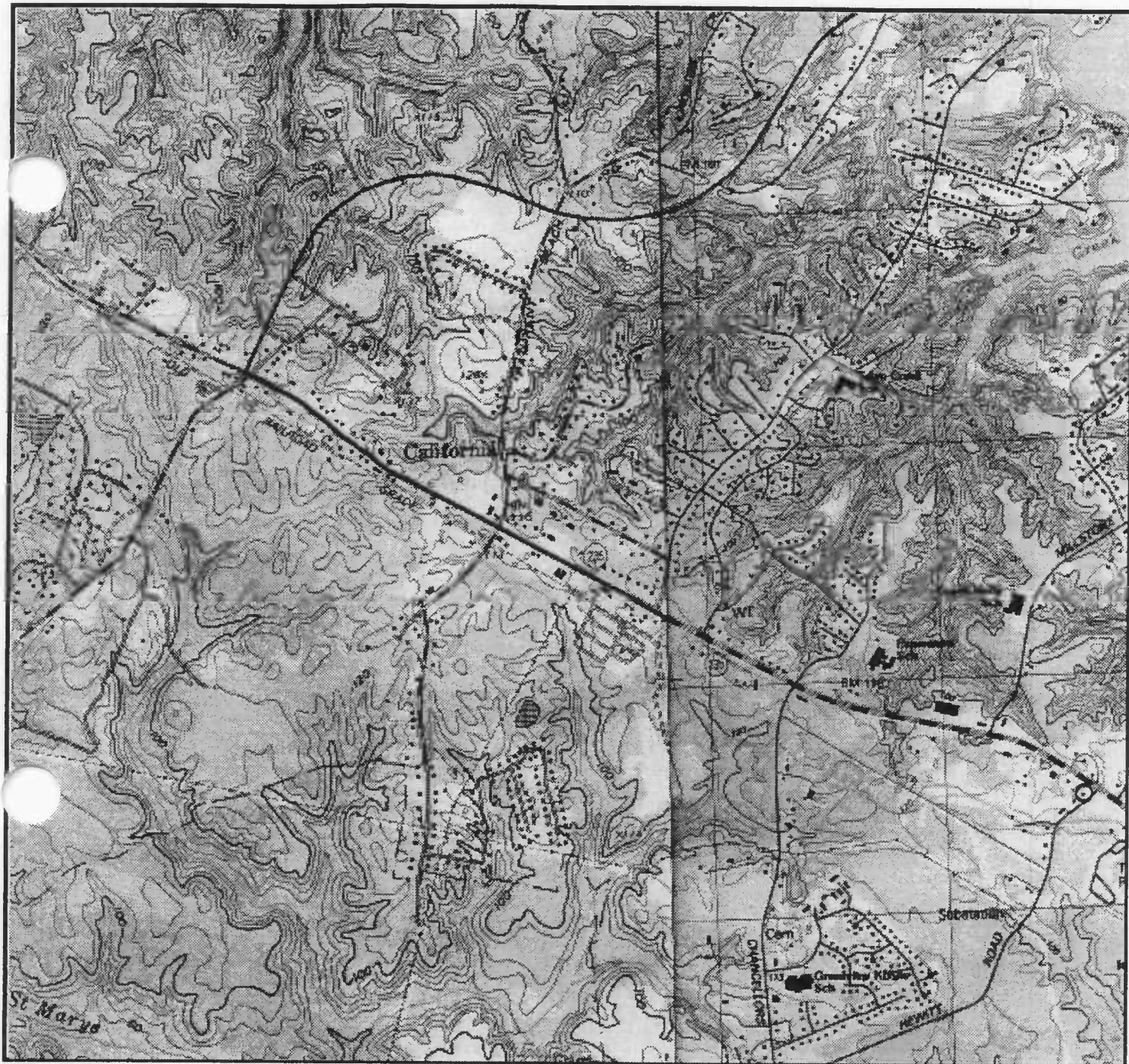


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St. Mary's County, MD

BCS 95-17A



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Williams House, W. Side Three Notch Road
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
Solomon's Island, MD USGS Quad
1987



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Scale: 1"=2,000'



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MD SITPO

N + E elev. looking SW

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